

## AT HOME OF HAMLET

There Danes Will Erect a Monument to Shakespeare.

Movement Undertaken by Citizens of Elsinore Three Centuries After the Poet Conceived Idea of His Great Work.

A. D. 1903, the coronation year of King Edward VII. and the former Danish princess, Queen Alexandra, coincides with the three hundredth anniversary of the year in which Shakespeare wrote the greatest play in the English language. And it is highly probable that in the year 1603 Shakespeare, being a practical theatrical manager, conceived the idea of giving "Hamlet" to the world because the Danish born Princess Ann had just ascended the throne of England. So the play with a Danish hero would be sure of royal patronage and that of the people of that day's fashion who sneezed when the court took snuff.

There is an extra and peculiar appropriateness in the approaching dedication of the memorial statue to Shakespeare which will be unveiled at Elsinore, on the ancient ramparts of Kronborg castle, at a date as near as possible to the anniversary of the first production of the play. The statue is the work of the Danish sculptor, Louis Hasselbriis, and the plaster model is now in his studio in Rome, awaiting its final perpetuation in bronze.

It is interesting to trace the birth of the feeling which first prompted the principal residents of Elsinore and the Englishmen residing there to promote the erection of this statue.

"Considering," said their first circular letter projecting the scheme, "the great influence which the tragedy of 'Hamlet' has had on the minds of even the greatest poets and philosophers during three centuries, we entertain the hope that our endeavors will be favorably received and find spokesmen and subscribers far and near, among for-



STATUE OF SHAKESPEARE.  
(To Be Erected at Elsinore by Danish Admirers of the Poet.)

eigners and Danes—and perhaps not least among those who with full intelligence can read his works in the original tongue." This letter is signed by Col. C. W. Christiansen, governor of Kronborg, and by 13 of Elsinore's men, and since its issue the Danish government has empowered its consuls the world over to solicit subscriptions in aid of the project.

The statue is a finely characteristic piece of Danish art; unaffected in conception, rugged, masterly and yet with the stamp of exquisite imaginative insight in the denotement of character in the portraiture itself.

The rough foreground of the hewn stone in the picture of Kronborg castle is the ancient battlement upon which Shakespeare laid the scene of Hamlet's meeting with his father's ghost, and the "grave of Hamlet" and "Ophelia's spring" have been for so many generations known as such that for all any man will ever know they actually figured in the real life story of these two characters. If not there is no harm done if they got their names in a fiction.

There are many instances of the erection of statues far from the birth lands of famous men who have delighted and enriched the world by their works. Shakespeare is already represented in Paris, Weimar and many American cities. Goethe in Vienna, Linnaeus in Antwerp and in Palermo, Thorwaldsen in Rome and in New York, Hans Christian Andersen in Chicago and Dante in Berlin.

But this erection of a statue of Shakespeare on the very scene of his and the world's greatest play is the outcome of as happy a thought as ever inspired the perpetuation of a great man's memory. The names of the original committee at Elsinore comprise almost the whole literary and theatrical world of Denmark.

This Happened in Kansas.  
A strange case is reported by the Eagle of Wichita, Kan. One Mrs. French, a washday, is possessed of a pair of ossified lungs. She uses lye in her washing, and she has inhaled the fumes of this lye until her lungs are coated with it. "The crust of lye is so hard and thick," says the Eagle, "that the action of these organs is impaired." And, seeking to find terms with which to impress the facts upon science and ignorance alike, the editor adds: "Mrs. French's case may be compared to some extent to the scale

which forms in engine boilers and prevents proper heating. An effort will be made to break up the scale into fine particles and let it pass off with the breath."

The Star of Bethlehem.  
Astronomers announce that the Star of Bethlehem, which directed the wise men to the birthplace of the Saviour, will appear once more in 1910 or 1911. Josephus, the Hebrew historian, speaks of this star, which is now known as Halley's comet, and since his time it has appeared on 23 occasions.

W. H. SIMPSON.

A Native Washingtonian.—A Trust- ed Employee of the District Government.

One of the best known men in the Engineer's Department of the District Government, is Mr. Wm. H. Simpson, who was born in this city in 1836, and is known as a "sewer tapper." What Mr. Simpson doesn't know about that business, is not worth knowing. The department places the most implicit confidence in his ability. Mr. Simpson is a well known personage in this city, where he has lived all his life. He has grown up with the city and is one among the few men now living, who was a distinguished character in the days of reconstruction. Under the Bowen regime, Mr. Simpson was an important and strong factor. He was one of the leading republicans at that



time and was always able to marshal his forces for his candidate and elect him. He was more or less consulted on party questions and his advice was received with great consideration. As a speaker he is very eloquent and effective and has not lost any of his old time eloquence and enthusiasm. For a long time Mr. Simpson represented the old ninth district, known under the Bowen regime, as the second ward. In the last presidential contest he rolled up a large vote in the 14th district for Mr. W. Calvin Chase, who was a delegate to the last National Convention. He is to day one of the leading republicans in this city and popular in the old 14th district which he carried against Perry Carson, who was one of Rev. Geo. W. Lee's strong supporters.

## SECOND BAPTIST LYCEUM.

Paper Read by J. T. Stewart—Resolutions Adopted.

The Second Baptist Lyceum was crowded Sunday afternoon with a mixed audience of representative white and colored citizens to listen to a paper by Attorney J. T. Stewart, a member of the local bar, entitled "The Necessity of Having Colored Lawyers in the District of Columbia." Before the speaker was introduced the president of the lyceum, A. W. Scott, also a member of the local bar, announced a musical program, succeeding which Mr. Stewart read his paper. He paid the colored attorney a high tribute, and showed how he had won the confidence of the colored people. He cited a case in Texas where a colored man had been convicted by a white jury for murder, and the case was brought to the United States Supreme Court on a writ of error. The grounds were that no colored man was permitted to sit upon the jury that tried him. The case was argued by two colored attorneys, and the verdict of the jury was reversed.

At the conclusion of his paper it was discussed by Attorneys M. C. Clinkscales, L. G. Gregory, L. C. Moore and others.

Mr. J. T. C. Newsom offered resolutions calling for the President to appoint some one in the place of Judge I. G. Kimball of the Police Court. It was requested that a man acceptable to all the people should be appointed.

The resolutions also stated that the Second Baptist Church Lyceum favored the renomination and election of President Roosevelt, and that it would do all in its power to accomplish that end.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by the entire audience of over a thousand people by a rising vote.

The following committee was appointed by the chair to present the action of the Lyceum to the President: J. T. Stewart, chairman; Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, J. T. C. Newsom, Lieut. S. L. Toomy and A. W. Scott.

## SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT.

No Office-Holder Wanted.

In view of our National history, immediately following the War of the Rebellion, it must seem strange to Foreign Nations why we should now

appear to be agitating a "Suffrage Movement." They shall not be long in learning that the Union Armies triumphed, freed millions of colored slaves, and by Constitutional provisions, the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments placed the said former slaves on the same footing as all other citizens before the law; but, that now the former master class, living principally in the South, who opposed freedom, legal equality, and suffrage, have done wrong against the Negro's rights so long that they have put their own consciences soundly to sleep, and have to an extent invaded the North, saying that the people, who saved the Union, made a vicious error in enfranchising the negroes. They believe that the negroes should have been left to their masters' schooling, under the whip and lash, and in the penitentiary, as many are now being schooled there in deeper crime and wretchedness. Foreign Nations will observe also, that in furtherance of this direct effort to defeat the object of freedom for former slaves, these people have declared an intention to repeal the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, foolishly believing that said repeal would change the Negro's status before the law. The three Amendments—13th, 14th and 15th—in the language of the Supreme Court, were intended to take the Negro from a con-



COL. M. M. PARKER.  
District National Committeeman Who Has Declared for the Nomination of President Roosevelt.

dition of a chattel and place him on a footing with other men. He stands there to-day and will always stand there—whichever way violators of justice may turn and twist. Besides a three-fourths vote of the states cannot be obtained just simply to give the Democrats one more chance in National control.

What a disgrace and what a fall for that proud weak party! They have no issue now but a part of the issue of "Keep the Nigger Down." They want to keep him down because some are guilty of the crime of rape. If they take the pains to read, they will find that the official reports, had through the Census Office shows, in the year 1890 white men have 820 cases charged against them, and colored men 560, so the crime is not peculiar to, or original with colored men. Yes, we have a "Suffrage Movement" on hand and we shall seek to know who are the friends of law and justice. The would-be Democratic Governor of Maryland says he is no enemy of the Negro but opposes his suffrage. Would he, or could he tickle the fancy of the dumbest white man, when he told him he was willing to tie his hands and let other men be loose to control the best interests of himself, his wife, and children, life, liberty and property? No, Warfield, you will never build a governorship upon such a rotten fabric, even if your State Constitution does still recite that the National Government should pay for your slaves. We believe that Maryland has too many honorable white men to permit your election on such a dishonorable issue.

## OFFICE HOLDERS.

The District Suffrage Movement, under Rev. Corrothers as Chairman, is barred against membership of office-holders but from no unfriendly motive towards them. We know, and they know, that they are not allowed freedom of thought and action if they would be, were they not thus employed. We know that many would join us and the very ones that would be most useful would injure themselves while many others would seek to control the movement in their own narrow private interests. We do not oppose Negro office-holders—we would like to see more of them, but we cannot permit them to lead the interests of the masses, for they are handicapped by no fault of theirs.

## TEACHERS' SALARIES RAISED.

Promotions and Other Changes Made by Board of Education.

At a meeting of the board of education Monday night much routine business was transacted. The salaries of the following teachers were raised:

Miss M. L. Mason, \$475 to \$500; Miss L. E. Morris, \$450 to \$475; Mr. M. I. Maquire, \$200 to \$225; Miss M. Campbell, \$500 to \$525; Miss Alice Littlejohn, \$500 to \$525; E. G. Saxton, teacher of cooking, \$600 to \$650; M. G. Taylor, \$650 to \$700; M. E. Rose, \$650 to \$700. The resignations of A. E. Roome, Royden K. Whitford and Susan Fisher were accepted. E. M. Perkins was appointed teacher in the High schools at a salary of \$600. Miss Nannie T. Jackson was appointed a teacher in the night schools, and Oliver W. McDonald was named as substitute in the colored manual training department.

## NEGRO SUFFRAGE IN COURT.

Motion to Consolidate and Advance Two Alabama Cases.

One Involves Refusal to Register Negro as Voter and the other Affects Murder Indictment.

Wilford H. Smith, attorney for Jackson W. Giles and Dan Rogers, in the suits of the former against the board of registration of Montgomery Co., Ala.,

The above showing of a long and honorable tenure, as public servants, is a practical object lesson in favor of establishing a "civil pension list," and immediate steps should be taken by the school authorities, towards suggesting such legislation as would enable such true and tried servants to spend their remaining days free from the anxiety of the future, and rest from the turmoil of the school room. These teachers have made an honorable record of which everyone should feel proud. No kind of aspersion has been thrown against them and if the young teachers of to-day will do half as well the public school teachers of Washington are worthy of emulation.

## BUGLE CALLS.

The Chinese government has commenced to send cadets to Germany, instead of, as heretofore, to the military schools of Japan.

The French minister of war has made arrangements for a number of reading rooms for the use of the French soldiers; they are to be supplied with games as well as with newspapers and books. Some doubts are expressed as to whether the soldiers will make use of their opportunities, in view of the fact that the English soldiers, with similar advantages, seem to prefer to visit their sweethearts or spend their time in taverns.

President Diaz of Mexico has immense admiration for that hard-riding, straight-shooting and splendidly trained corps of cavalry, the rurals, and often declares that should occasion arise they would win the admiration of the world. The fighting force of this sister republic is not generally known. The peace strength is 40,000 men; at two weeks' notice 50,000 more, all well-trained, are available, and about 100,000 in addition could be put in the field in another month.

Col. Mills, superintendent of the West Point Academy, has a reputation for sternness. A subordinate off on a furlough sent him this dispatch: "Will not report today, as expected, account unavoidable circumstances." The tone of the message was not at all to Col. Mills' mind, and he wired at once in reply: "Report as expected or give reasons." Within an hour the following message came over the wires, dated from a hospital in New York: "Train off—can't ride; legs off—can't walk. Will not report unless you insist." The colonel did not insist.

Properly Named.  
Bill—How did they come to name that cigar after the comedian, do you suppose?  
Jill—Because it's rank, I suppose.—Yonkers Statesman.

One Sided.  
Mrs. Van Blumer—I had a very interesting conversation this afternoon.

Von Blumer—Who was the listener?  
—Town Topics.

The Last Word.  
"Yes, always has the last word."  
"Yes; even in church; she always comes in on the 'Amen.'"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Ever on the Alert.  
Mr. Speedy—Do you care for outdoor sports?  
Miss Seedy—Why, I never thought you are one, aren't you, Mr. Speedy? This is so sudden!—N. Y. Sun.

Vaccination in France.  
Three vaccinations are now compulsory in France. The first must be made during the first year of infancy, the second in the eleventh year, and the third in the twenty-first year.

No Sunshine Needed There.  
The coldest inhabited country is said to be the province of Vercholanak, in Oriental Siberia. The daily mean temperature of the entire year is 2.74 degrees below zero.

## SHE TRAINS HORSES.

Mrs. Cora Pontifax, of Indiana, Unique Among Her Sex.

Recently Drove Trotter at County Fair and Won the Race—Has Broken Many Colts to Saddle and Harness.

Indiana, the state of geniuses, prodigies and people who do extraordinary things, has as its latest novelty a woman jockey. Doubtless many women, especially in the western states, might claim this title because of their proficiency in horsemanship, but only one woman, Mrs. Cora Pontifax, of Laporte, actually breaks colts to the saddle and harness and then trains and conditions them for the track.  
Mrs. Pontifax came into notice recently when she drove Tucker, the Chicago matinee horse formerly owned by George B. Dryden, and won in the gentlemen's driving class at the Laporte county fair. The strange spectacle of seeing a woman drive attracted an unusually large crowd to the races. As Mrs. Pontifax entered in a speed car, attired unostentatiously in a neat dark skirt and shirt waist, the 10,000 spectators watching her cheered enthusiastically. She drove a quarter to "warm up" and then the race was on. In the first heat it looked for awhile as if she were going to get in a "pocket," but she held doggedly to her course and at the end went under the wire first. In the second heat she had the lead from the quarter turn. The third heat was hers from the start. Each time as she came in the crowd gave her an ovation and when it was all over they kept on applauding and cheering till she was out of sight.  
"It was my first race," said Mrs. Pontifax to a correspondent for the Chicago Chronicle, "and when I drove in on the track I felt so nervous that I almost wished I hadn't started. But when the race began I forgot everything except my horse. The experience, however, is



MRS. CORA PONTIFAX.  
(Indiana Woman Who Is Noted as a Trainer of Horses.)

not new to me; training and conditioning horses is my business."

Fourteen years ago Mrs. Pontifax was a dressmaker, so broken down in health that she could not work and without money enough to stop work and recuperate. Her physician advised a change of occupation as the only permanent remedy. In her dilemma she bethought herself of her girlhood days. Back on her father's farm she had been fond of horses and skillful in managing them. Colt breaking had been her greatest delight, and she often rode horseback in Indian fashion, bareback and without saddle or bridle. And so, to regain her health, she began colt breaking as a business.

Mrs. Pontifax's health steadily improved and after three years of breaking and gaiting saddle horses she bought a livery stable at Laporte. Four years later she moved to Chicago and remained there four years in business. She then returned to Laporte and has owned a training stable in that city for the last two years.

At the barn Mrs. Pontifax does her share of the work, helping to feed and clean the horses. And everything is scrupulously clean. The floor looks like those of a house; the horses' blankets are spotless and the straw in the stalls is fresh and sweet. Frequently Mrs. Pontifax is left unexpectedly without help and is compelled to do all the work. On one occasion when she was alone she cared for 16 head of horses. On Saturdays and holidays, when large numbers of farmers come to town, she has her barn full of teams, sometimes feeding as many as 230 horses a day.

Yet in spite of all this manual labor Mrs. Pontifax is very feminine. Her office has dainty white curtains at the windows, easy chairs about the room and a small, rather womanish-looking writing desk. Mrs. Pontifax does not wear the dress of the "new woman." She is fond of the little frills and tucks and trimmings that women love. She does not believe that jockeying is woman's work. "No," she said, "this horse business is not woman's work. It is too hard. I just drifted naturally into it and now it is my business. I like it—yes—and I love a good horse, but there are many disagreeable things about the business. Still, I suppose there are in all kinds of work."





They Say

Don't be false to any one.  
Be honest and not well towards  
your friends.

Remember that 'honesty is the  
best policy.'  
There are some people who are  
very jealous.

Some people are false to every  
one.

The Democratic Party is on the  
out-look for voters.

Georgia republicans should be  
careful how they throw.

Two new Judges of the Police  
court will be appointed.

The white people in this coun-  
try will be convinced that they can  
not select a leader for the negro.

The democratic party is organ-  
izing.

Senator Gorman may secure the  
democratic nomination.

In union there is strength for  
that reason the white people want  
an apologist to lead the negro race.

The Afro-American council is a  
thing of the past.

There are to be no office hold-  
ers members of the suffrage asso-  
ciation.

Rev. S. L. Corrothers will make  
a strong president of the new suf-  
frage association.

The sage (?) of Tuckee will be  
weighed in the balances and found  
wanting.

The most successful man in the  
United States is the one who can  
succeed.

The colored attorney will organ-  
ize some time in the near future.

We do not know it all and it is  
well to take the advice of our  
friends.

Think of those who are your  
friends and who will treat you well.

The Business league that met at  
Nashville Tenn., was a good force.

The Colored American that was  
going to swallow the world of news  
papers made its appearance last  
week.

It was a hard struggle for life  
and when it did appear there were  
many old faces put in to save com-  
pensation.

A news paper with a circulation  
of ten thousand ought to be able  
to withstand chronic dyspepsia.  
Look out for the National suf-  
frage association.

Do not imagine that you are the  
entire country because you have a  
little money.

W. J. Bryan is a man who thinks  
he knows it all.

The Evening Star thinks Booker  
Washington is a great man.

The Star would have a similar  
opinion of other negro apologists.

Our contemporary should attend  
to its own business and allow the  
negro to select his own leader.

The Bee is of the opinion that  
the negro race is being betrayed.  
Senator Hanna is not at all dis-  
turbed. It is too early to talk about  
the national championship of any  
party.

Let us first select a president  
then let us talk about a chairman.

The Bee is the Colored Ameri-  
can of this city and the proper Re-  
cord of events.

It is no Afro-American but a si-  
mon pure negro advocate.

It does not believe in the Plan-  
et, this is a dark Age that needs  
a Torobright that will Appeal to  
the reasons of the people.

This race needs a Guardian o  
keep it straight.

The only way to succeed is to suc-  
ceed.

Let us have qualified suffrage.  
There is a division in the ranks  
of the republican party.

Negroes are easily deceived.  
There is a great deal for the ne-  
groes to learn.

Why can't colored men unite?

The most successful editor is the  
one who is able to command the  
respect of the people.

Have you read The Bee, if not  
do so at once.

There are lots of frauds in this  
country.

Lookout for the man who claims  
to be soliciting cash subscribers for  
The Bee.

The merchants are warned to  
look out for a man who claims to  
represent The Bee.

WILLIAM SOUGHT HONEY.

But He Found Only Bees Which  
Alighted on His Head and Stung  
Him Violently.

William Yoakum now lies in a pre-  
carious condition at his home, three  
miles from Louisville, Ky., from the ef-  
fects of bee stings sustained while at-  
tempting to deprive some bees of their  
honey.

While out in his woodland some days  
ago Mr. Yoakum discovered a tree which  
contained a swarm of those little crea-  
tures that distill the sweets from the  
buds and blossoms. He went out to  
slit from them the results of their la-  
bor. He felled the tree which contained  
their hive, and gathering some old rags  
ignited them to smoke the bees from  
their home.

To Mr. Yoakum's surprise and dis-  
comfiture, the little honey gatherers  
came pouring from the opening of their  
hive, and immediately beseged their  
marauder. They alighted on his head,  
almost completely enveloping it and



RAN TO A TROUGH.

stung him so violently that he ran to a  
trough several hundred yards distant  
and got in the water to rid himself of his  
tormentors.

Each time he would rise to the top  
of the water his winged enemy, ever on  
the alert, was ready to attack him. He  
repeated this aquatic procedure many  
times before he was liberated. Finally  
after being greatly wearied, he managed  
to get to his home, about half a mile dis-  
tant, where he has since been under  
treatment.

**Generosity of the Mafia.**  
Money is subscribed lavishly by the  
Mafia when a member is in trouble. One  
of the society is to be tried for murder  
in Florence. In Palermo alone his  
comrades have contributed about \$7,000  
for his defense. Other Italian cities  
have been equally generous.

**He Did Good by Stealth.**

It was the habit of the late Alexan-  
der C. Hutchinson, of New Orleans, to  
rudely repulse nearly every one who  
appealed to him for charitable aid, and  
then quietly investigate each individual  
case. If the person was found worthy,  
a ton of coal, a supply of provisions, or  
other necessities were forwarded to the  
applicant's abode, with a card  
bearing the words, "In the name of Je-  
sophine." This was the name of  
Hutchinson's dead wife.

**Meeker—There's craps on the door  
over the way. Old man Jones must be  
dead.**

**Mrs. Meeker—That's queer. I haven't  
seen the doctor there for over a week.**  
Chicago Daily News.

**The Critics.**  
"The grass widow is going on her  
honeymoon," remarked the girl in the  
madras waist.

"I bet it isn't a new moon," laughed  
the girl in the white hat.—Chicago

St. Louis is to have a statue of Perre  
Laclede, its founder. He will be rep-  
resented not as a typical frontiersman,  
but as a captain in the French army,  
which rank he held in the militia at  
New Orleans.

The recent election of Mrs. Jane  
Stanford as president of the board of  
trustees of Leland Stanford, Jr., uni-  
versity in California, curtails the pow-  
ers and authority of President David  
Starr Jordan, and may lead to his resig-  
nation. Mrs. Stanford, however, an-  
nounces that she has no present inten-  
tion of interfering in the management  
of the institution, but will go abroad  
for a season of rest, remaining, perhaps,  
two years.

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way it was made by your grand-fathers a century ago. First rate  
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Mrs. Bacon—Ready and willing are  
synonymous terms, are they not?  
Mr. Bacon—Not always. For in-  
stance, you are always willing to go to  
the theater, but you're not always  
ready.—Tit-Bits.

**Professional Opinion.**  
Softleigh—I say, doctor, do you—  
believe that liquor really affects a  
man's brain?  
Physician—Yes, if he has any. Other-  
wise it affects his legs.—Cincinnati En-  
quirer.

**Lights.**  
"Well, I suppose Rockefeller lives ac-  
cording to his lights."  
"I don't know. Sometimes I think  
other people's lights have more to do  
with it."—D. C. Post.

## CHRIST'S COAT OF ARMS.

Now the Grandees of Brazil Pay Om-  
ent Honor to the Memory  
of the Saviour.

Wishing to show him the utmost pos-  
sible honor, some of the great nobles-  
men of Brazil formally decided to ad-  
mit Jesus Christ as a member of their  
knightly order, and consequently they  
awarded to Him the coat-of-arms  
which is shown in the accompanying  
picture. Conspicuous in it is a black  
cross, which is mounted on three green  
hills, in a field of gold, and which is



CHRIST'S COAT OF ARMS.  
(Bestowed Upon the Saviour by the Great  
Noblemen of Brazil.)

covered with a double crown of stars  
and thorns.

For centuries a cross has been used  
on the crests of distinguished families  
and on the flags of various nations,  
and therefore it was only natural, says  
the New York Herald, that these pious  
Brazilian noblemen should have se-  
lected it as the most suitable emblem of  
our Lord when they decided to pay  
honor to Him. They were resolved  
that He should thenceforth be officially  
recognized as one of the grandees of  
Brazil, and He would not have been  
eligible for this exalted position without  
a coat-of-arms.

## SNAKE HOLDS UP MAIL.

Monster of the Black Variety Im-  
pedes a Rural Free Delivery  
Route in Indiana.

Jim Thomas, rural mail carrier on  
route No. 5, out of Anderson, Ind., is



THE SNAKE SHOWED FIGHT.

authority for a remarkable snake  
story.

Thomas says he was driving along,  
sorting his mail, when suddenly his  
horse stopped. Thomas spoke sharply  
to him, but the horse did not budge.  
Again Thomas spoke, but this time his  
horse began snorting and backing. At  
this unusual proceeding on the part  
of a usually peaceable horse Thomas  
looked out of the mail wagon and was  
confronted by a monster blacksnake.  
Thomas called for help, and soon had  
two farmers to his assistance. The  
snake showed fight, but was killed  
after a struggle. It measured eight  
feet four inches, and Thomas thought  
it was as large around as his arm.  
They opened the snake and found  
three large bullfrogs and a robin in its  
stomach.

For the past three or four years the  
residents of that portion of Richland  
township have been frightened by the  
story of a big snake in their fields and  
appearing at times along the roads. It  
is believed that this is the one.

**Timidity.**  
He—Why won't you put your head on  
my shoulder?  
She—I'm afraid you won't know  
what to do afterward.—N. Y. Herald.

**Mentally Deficient.**  
"Is young Tutter so entirely foolish?"  
"Well, he hasn't sufficient mental  
equipment to ever be in danger from  
parcels."—N. Y. Times.

**The University Graduate.**  
"Want a job, eh? What can you  
do?"  
"Well, I can do a hundred-yard dash  
in 10%."—N. Y. Journal.

**Father.** said the little boy, "what  
is a mathematician?"  
"A mathematician, my son, is a man  
who can calculate the distance be-  
tween the most remote stars and who  
is liable to be flim-flammed in chang-  
ing a two-dollar bill."—Washington  
Star.

**Quite Unnecessary.**  
"I suppose," said the visitor, "your  
constant prayers to God may ever  
be poor and humane." W. A. New York.

"Not exactly," replied the village par-  
son. "I pray that I may ever remain  
humble, but my congregation attends to  
the other part of it."—Cincinnati En-  
quirer.

**Back to Old Scenes.**  
Now the city tellers  
"Seek the country ranch,  
Lost around in blossoms—  
Go wading in the branch;  
For the old blue hills are callin'  
With a voice they understand,  
And they're lookin' 'cross the meadow  
For the smilin' promised land!"

## IN THE REALM OF POEY.

Summer.  
Earth has doffed the bridal raiment with  
her virgin form arrayed.  
Fairer far the graceful mother than the  
maiden and trembling maid:  
As the iris to the bluebell, as the heather  
to the ling,  
As the sunshine to the twilight, so is sum-  
mer to the spring.

Golden on her golden bosom is the waving  
of the corn,  
Bright and flaming red the poppies that her  
comely waist adorn,  
And she waves the thousand emerald blades  
that play among her trees  
In the brilliance of the banner she is dis-  
torting to the breeze.

There's a honeysuckle garland bound about  
her shapely head,  
Sending down her scented tendrils with her  
neck and breast to wed,  
And the roses and carnations in her tangled  
tresses meet  
As they wind about her body on their way  
to kiss her feet.

Now she knows no thought of sorrow, and  
her only uttered sigh  
Is a breath of fragrant perfume in a  
rustling field of rye,  
And she laughs through every moment of  
her sun-bespangled day times  
Where her streamlets chase the pebbles and  
her silver fountains play.  
—Fall Mail Gazette.

**Another Snore.**  
First we eat an' next we eat an' next we eat  
an' then  
We go to bed an' git right up and start  
eat again.

One-half our life we eat an' sleep an' the  
other half  
"At them's about the slickest things in  
mortals have to do  
For eatin' ain't no work at all, an' sleepin's  
better yet."

An' once we're cuddled up in bed we feel  
just right, 'you bet!  
An' when the mornin' comes we try to get  
out some ruse,  
In that warm bed, to turn just once, an'  
take another snooze.

It's work a feedin' growin' boys; they never  
git enough  
An' eat most anything that comes an' never  
eat again.  
Dyspepsy's such a thing they don't have as  
trouble on that score.

They eat an apple, skins an' all, and never  
leave no core.  
You'll never git 'em off to bed while they  
can keep awake.

An' when there's suttin' goin' on don't try,  
for goodness sake;  
You'll need your strength to git 'em up; of  
course they won't refuse,  
But when they're up, we're gittin' up'  
Then take another snooze.  
—Fred Emerson Brocke, in Detroit Free  
Press.

**The Modern American Girl.**

When I met her on the steamer  
Coming back from foreign climes,  
A bright maiden did I deem her.  
And we had some pleasant times.

She was bright in conversation,  
And such learning she displayed  
When we spoke of other nations.  
That I was in truth dismayed.

She'd a foreign education,  
Knew the language of each land;  
I was dumb with admiration,  
Though I could not understand.

But her English was affected,  
And for this naught could atone.  
Learning others she'd neglected  
To study up her own.

She could read me quite a sermon  
On the history of France,  
When she spoke of legends German  
I displayed gross ignorance.

And the bit I'd learned at college  
Seemed ridiculous until  
I discovered she'd no knowledge  
Of the fight at Bunker Hill.

—Robert Ainsley, in Chicago Evening Post.

**When Grampus Struck It.**  
"Cheer up," said Mr. Gladstone,  
As he and Grampus met;  
"Cheer up, the sun's still shining  
And the sky's above us yet."

"Cheer up, there's no use sighing;  
Fair ahead the future's lying,  
And there's many a prize out yonder still  
For you and me to get."

"Cheer up," said Mr. Gladstone,  
As they parted; "whistle, sing:  
Who can tell what joy, what blessing,  
Fate may bring to-morrow bring!"

Yes, before the sun goes down  
You may strut around the town,  
The special lot of fortune and as proud  
As any king."

**The Pharisee.**  
I've just been a-readin' the sentences wise  
Concernin' some blessin's that come in dis-  
guise.

And whenever I'm put to a serious test  
I'm tryin' to think that it's all for the best.  
This comfortin' rule, it is easy to see,  
Applies to my neighbor the same as to me.

We all kin cheer up, if it's jes understood  
That maybe our troubles are doin' us good.  
—Washington Star.

**My Heart and I.**  
O heart of mine! The golden days are  
drifting  
Too swiftly by.  
I watch the perfumed lilacs proudly lifting  
Their plumes on high.

O heart of mine! So full of sweet sugges-  
tion  
Are these spring hours;  
I find an answer to every question  
In books of flowers.

O heart of mine! In Love's glad garden  
eats  
My feet would stray  
Mid blooms that Time's destroying touch  
can never  
Bright or decay.

—Marie Hedericker Browne, in Chamber's  
Journal.

**Back to Old Scenes.**  
Now the city tellers  
"Seek the country ranch,  
Lost around in blossoms—  
Go wading in the branch;

For the old blue hills are callin'  
With a voice they understand,  
And they're lookin' 'cross the meadow  
For the smilin' promised land!"

And do the city tellers  
Will be packin' up their traps  
To git back home and arry  
On the weather and the craps;

They're thirstin' for the meadows  
They're comin' down for shore,  
And the old pine-box is waitin'  
By the village meadow-store.



## LIGHTNING HIS COOK.

It Roasted Bulduc's Potatoes and Boiled His Fish, and Still He Isn't Satisfied.

Every fisherman who rode out to Edgington pond last summer paid high compliments to the potato patch of Alphonsus Bulduc at Edgington, Me. The crop grew in long rows which reached from the roadside to the pond, and in all of eastern Maine there was no crop which looked so well as Bulduc's.

July and August were cold and cloudy, but when September came in there was a long stretch of summer weather, with blistering hot days and torrid nights. It ended with a thunder shower of tropical intensity.

The morning after the shower Bulduc went out to look at his potatoes. He found a furrow four feet deep and nearly as wide running from a pine tree by the roadside straight down to the pond. At first he thought the ditch had been gulled out by the water, but investigation showed that a bolt of lightning had hit the pine, followed the bark down to the ground, and escaped to the pond by way of the potato patch.

All doubt as to the cause of the disaster was removed when he found between five



HEEM DIG ZE POTATOES.

and six bushels of roasted potatoes in the trench. The downpour of rain had washed the tubers from the hills and left them lying between the rows, and when the lightning came it followed the course taken by the water, burning every potato it touched and charring the delicate skin to a blackened crust. And near the shore, floating on the surface of the pond, were more than 50 large white perch, which there was also no doubt the bolt had killed.

Bulduc says he thinks the lightning used him pretty mean.

"Heem bin dere ze potatoes," said he to a New York Sun man. "Zat was all right; heem bin wash 'em—zat was all right; heem bin cook 'em—zat was all right; but why for heem do so much for me an' no giv' ze butter or ze gravy fer to eat 'em wif. Ah'm to bin tell. Nex' year Ah'm bin thank Ah'm raise some beans an' some peas, so w'at tam ze lightning come maybe so heem geev me ze bak' beans, lak Ah'm bin have in ze woods."

## LEFT TRAIL OF PIE.

Thieving Tramps Discovered While Enjoying Stolen Pastry of Huckleberry Variety.

Three Weary Whitties came to grief on Kneeland street at Boston Mass., the other morning, and two of them are now in custody awaiting trial on a charge of robbery. The festive tramps conceived the idea of running a restaurant according to their own ideas. They picked out a closed establishment, that of Percy D. Cutler at 168 Kneeland street, broke through a cellar window, came up through the trap door, and were monarchs of all they surveyed.

Pie is a staple in New England at least, and blueberry pie is a seasonal delicacy. The tramps helped themselves liberally to the pastry, sat down on the



HELPED THEMSELVES TO PIE.

floor, and were fast bleeding into care and trouble when Patrolman Walton discovered them.

One of the three made his escape through a window, leaving a trail of blueberry pie behind him which a blind man could have followed. The officer caught the other two and the feast was ended. The prisoners gave the names of Joseph Whalen and Michael Sullivan. The police say the latter has a state prison record.

## Strange Death of a Boy.

A strange accident befell a boy who was chopping wood near Augsburg, Germany. His ax struck a wire clothesline and at the same moment a flash of lightning struck the line, passed down the clothesline and killed him.

## SNAKE FOUGHT WELL.

Struck Its Tormentor After Having Been Cut in Two.

William Schley's Experience with a Rattler That Was Lively in Sections—Chicken as a Snake Bite Remedy.

William Schley, of Decatur township, Williamsport, Pa., has resolved never again to cut a rattlesnake into more than two pieces. An experience which he had a day or two ago has convinced him that he may make two snakes out of one with impunity, but when he gets greedy and tries to make three, there is apt to be trouble. Incidentally Mr. Schley has learned that as snake-bite medicine common chicken can give cards and apades to whisky—a remedy which heretofore has been regarded as an indispensable adjunct to life in this mountainous region.

It may be of interest to know just how it feels to be bitten by half a snake, and so Mr. Schley's account of his experience is given as he told it. While he talked he had a swollen and discolored right arm in a sling and sat dangling his legs from the platform outside the crossroads store, near his home. A half dozen of his friends stood about and listened with awe at the recital, which had to be repeated as often as another man appeared on the scene.

"It happened up here in Sharer's gap," said Mr. Schley, to a New York World correspondent. "I started for a mess of huckleberries. After driving up through Bald Eagle valley to the gap, I hitched my horse and took my basket from the buggy. It was just a few feet from there that the berries were thick. I was crossing the road to the patch when I saw a big rattler right in front of me. In my time I have killed some big ones, but none that could hold a feather to that fellow.

"For a moment I stood admiring him and wondering how I could catch him. He seemed peaceable enough coiled up there in the road, and I thought he might stay there. I could get a crocheted stick in the woods and catch him. I had a hatchet in the buggy and



BROUGHT THE HATCHET DOWN.

went to get it, thinking to cut a crocheted stick with it.

"Well, sir, that snake must have been watching me, for the moment I turned my back it made a lunge for the horse's leg. I brought the hatchet down on the rattler, and when I lifted it there were two snakes where there had been but one before. I had cut the fellow in two, and yet I hadn't taken the fight out of him. No, sir. He kept right on—that is, the front part of him did—and in another moment he was ready to strike the horse. So again my hatchet went down, but he swerved aside and let me have those fangs right in the forefinger of my right hand here.

"Well, I tried to shake him off, but he wouldn't shake worth a cent. In my excitement I forgot that I had a horse and buggy so near at hand, but I did remember that Chris Sharer lived about five miles from where I was, and I started over the hill toward his house. I put my foot down on the end of the snake and pulled my hand free from his fangs. I ran faster than ever before until I reached Sharer's home.

"My finger had swollen to twice its natural size and my hand was badly swollen. My arm was blue up to the elbow. Sharer at once bound my arm to stop the circulation and then poured whisky into me.

"Sharer killed a chicken and split it open. Then he split my finger where the fangs had entered and placed the chicken meat turned green and yellow, and gradually the swelling in my arm went down and the pain stopped. Mr. Sharer then made a poultice of soap and the white of an egg, and put it on the wound.

"This relieved the pain, and soon the liquor that I had poured into me sent me to sleep. I remained at Mr. Sharer's house all day and then went home. Although the swelling had gone my arm felt sore, and I expect it will be some time before I can use a hatchet again."

## Chinaman's Unique Excuse.

At Hong-Kong the other day a Chinaman was fined \$10 for biting the thumb of a policeman. The defendant thus denied the charge: "I did not bite him, sir. I was in a crowd, when, feeling a hand rudely thrust against my ear, I turned round suddenly, closing my mouth as I did so. I found the policeman's hand in my mouth, and he seemed pained. So was I."

## Homes Are Safe in Turkey.

To seize a man's residence for debt is unlawful in Turkey, and sufficient land to support him is also exempt from seizure.

## ALMOST A CENTENARIAN.

Daniel M. Leal, 98 Years of Age, Still Acts as Judge and Lives Up to His Convictions.

"I consider that the marriage ceremony is too sacred to be performed by a justice of the peace. The authority who should unite two souls in the bonds of matrimony is a minister of the Gospel, and one in good standing at that."

So says Justice Daniel M. Leal, who lives at Polo, Ill., and who is the oldest active police magistrate in Illinois, or, for that matter, in the entire middle west. He is now in his ninety-sixth year, and is still holding office in the town where he has been elected to seven four-year terms. Before his first term as police magistrate he served one term as town magistrate, so that he has been in position to perform marriages for over three decades. But he never encouraged anyone to seek his good offices for such a purpose.

"In these days when there are plenty



DANIEL M. LEAL. (Venerable Illinois Justice Who Put Principle Above Dollars.)

of ministers about, who are always glad to marry suitable persons, I think that the business should, in all propriety, be left to them," he says. "I know that I never took any stock in this feature of a justice's work. Many applied to me, and some I married, but there has been no time I would not have preferred to have some one else do it.

"I try to practice what I preach. In my lifetime I have been twice married, and in both instances I was married by a minister, and this is the kind of advice I always give to the young people who are about to commence a life of wedded bliss.

"It is my opinion that there are many people who want to get married who should not be married at all, and both license and ceremony should be withheld. This class of people are unsuited to each other, a fact that is plainly evident. If not to them, to those who are acquainted with them. The law should throw a safeguard around the holy institution of marriage for the benefit of posterity and future generations in this grand country of ours."

Justice Leal's married life has been full of happiness. He was first married to Mary Ann Post on October 15, 1829, and later to Aldura Flower on March 23, 1848. He is the father of seven children, and the grandfather of 15 children. He is remarkably active for a man nearly 100 years old. He tried two cases on the day he was 95, and recently disposed of an assault and battery case, writing up his own docket.

## ADMIRAL ALEXEIEFF.

Russia's Viceroy in the Far East Is Famed as a Diplomat as Well as a Fighter.

That Russia does not choose to loosen her grip in the far east is amply proved by the Imperial ukase creating the Amur district and the Kwan-Tung territory, a special viceroyalty. Vice Admiral Alexeieff, aide-de-camp general to the emperor, who has been appointed the first administrator, has for some time been



ADMIRAL ALEXEIEFF. (Commander in Chief of the Russian Forces in Manchuria.)

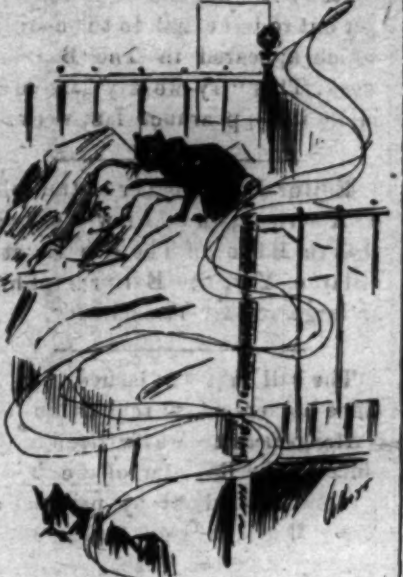
superior chief and commander-in-chief of the Russian troops in Kwan-Tung, and of the Russian naval forces in the far east, and he is now vested with supreme authority over all branches of the civil administration. A special committee, under the presidency of the emperor, will see that his policy is in keeping with that of the ministries. Admiral Alexeieff has already done much valuable work for his country, and has seen service on land as well as on sea. His most ardent partisans are said to believe that he captured the Taku forts unaided, relieved Tientsin, and rescued Admiral Seymour. His passion for Russian bridge is extraordinary, and a defeat at his favorite game makes him a dangerous master until the fit has passed. It is, perhaps, fortunate that he dearly loves a fight, for his qualities both as warrior and diplomatist are likely to be of value to him in the near future.

## CAT SAVED TWO LIVES.

Acted as Sentinel and When Fire Broke Out Awakened His Master with Sharp Snap.

With two human lives to his credit and possessing the alleged nine lives belonging to his own species, Jim, the house cat, belonging to Landlord G. Bailey of the Warren House Inn, near Woking, England, has come at a bound into the notice of half the cat fanciers of Great Britain.

A month ago Jim simply was an unusually big specimen of cat who had no pedigree to speak of and no record be-



AROUSING MR. BAILEY.

yond that of keeping the premises of his master clear of rats and mice. He was devoted to his master and to the sister-in-law, who was housekeeper for the inn. Each night Jim chose as his bed a rug just outside his master's door, but that he had taken up this post as a sentinel was not dreamed of until suddenly one night Mr. Bailey was awakened by several sharp snaps of something soft on his cheeks, followed by a distressful wail in his ear, such as he never before had heard from Jim.

Bailey landed on his feet, standing, and the first waking thought was for his sister-in-law, who was sleeping at the other end of the hall, into which a roaring fire was eating. Dashing through the blaze into the room, he found the sister unconscious and carried her out of the stifling smoke just as the floor sunk through. Jim kept sharply at his master's heels through the rescue and flight, and once in the road showed the liveliest interest and affection for the two persons who owed their lives to his intelligence. The hotel was burned to the ground.

## WIDOW WEDS PRISONER.

Woman, Wealthy and Forty-Six, Finds Nineteen-Year-Old Affinity in County Jail.

A correspondent of the New York World, writes from Lockport, N. Y., that Mrs. Grace Van Valkenburgh, of Wrights Corners, was married to John Black in Buffalo a few days ago. At the time of the wedding the bridegroom was a farmhand employed by the bride's father, David Hurd. When the casual acquaintance of the two ripened into love Black was an inmate of the Niagara county jail, awaiting trial. Black and Clarence Peterson were arrested at Niagara Falls on May 1, 1902, on a charge of highway robbery.

The complaint was made by a Niagara Falls citizen, who alleged that the pair held him up and relieved him



THEY BECAME LOVERS.

of some small change several days before their arrest. Judge Horne remanded them to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Mrs. Grace Van Valkenburgh, who is 46 years of age, wealthy and well educated, was interested in jail missionary work and used to visit the prisoners once a week. She was attracted to the man who is now her husband, and who is but 19 years of age, and they became friends. From being friends they became lovers, and when he was indicted by the grand jury it was she who engaged an attorney for him and who befriended him.

His case was tried in the October term of court. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Mrs. Van Valkenburgh, after his release from jail, procured for him a position as hired man on the farm of her father. Her love quickened at the farm and the marriage followed.

## Plants Always Grow Upward.

If a flower-pot is laid on its side the stalk of the plant growing in it will gradually curve upward until it assumes a vertical position.

## MADE LONELY TOURS.

Two Brides Who Spent Honeymoon Without Husbands.

One Visited Europe and Had a Good Time All by Herself; the Other Traveled Through Germany with Her Sister.

One cannot but admire the nerve of the man who would suggest to his bride to be a few days before the wedding ceremony that she should take the honeymoon trip alone, as, owing to press of business matters, it would be impossible for him to accompany her. And a soupcon of admiration must also be felt for the bride, who, instead of being offended by such a suggestion, cheerfully agrees and sets out for herself on a solitary bridal tour.

That such instances of "honeymooning" alone are not so rare as one would suppose, is shown by the marriage of George Chapman and Mrs. Emily Hartman, which took place at McKeesport, on the Hudson river. Owing to "office worries" Mr. Chapman suggested to his wife that if she were desirous of having a honeymoon trip, she should take it alone, as it was advisable that he should remain in McKeesport to look after his affairs.

Instead of getting gloomy over the prospect of so lonely a honeymoon, the bride (who had been married before, and therefore knew what she was about) agreed with unflinching alacrity, and informed her husband that she would accept his proposition on two conditions—viz.: that the trip should last three months, and that it should be spent in Europe. Mr. Chapman was a bit thunderstruck at the cool manner in which his proposal was received, but nevertheless agreed to the two conditions, and Mrs. Chapman toured Europe alone until she reached London, where she was joined by her husband.

A similar case occurred a short time ago in Berlin, and perhaps the fact that the bridegroom belonged to a nation



AGREED WITH ALACRITY.

which is not remarkable for its appreciation of the romantic in marriage may be in some way accountable for his prosaic views regarding the honeymoon tour.

In this instance the newly made Benedict, whose name was Paul Erhardt, was not pressed by business matters, his simple and sole excuse for not accompanying his wife being that he detested traveling. Though a man of 45, he had never been ten miles from the German capital, and saw no reason why he should after this state of things simply on account of having married. He had thought to get over the difficulty by not having a honeymoon at all, but to this the bride objected.

Then Mr. Erhardt, whose bump of unselfishness had evidently contracted in his youth, thought that a wedding trip without the groom would be something of a novelty, and suggested this unique method of solving the difficulty to his wife, who, after some expostulation, agreed to take a couple of weeks' holiday in the company of her sister, returning to her husband's house at the end of that time.

A curious honeymoon, in which nearly the whole of the time was spent by the bride and bridegroom looking for each other, happened to a couple who were married at Syracuse, N. Y. After the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thompson, who were both deaf and dumb, started on their honeymoon trip with every prospect of having a long and happy time.

Mr. Thompson was wealthy, and the couple had decided to go to California, but for some reason the husband left the train at one of the numerous stops, and only turned up as it was disappearing, the newly-made wife being carried a hundred miles before she discovered her husband was not in the smoking car.

She tried her best to make the officials understand her, but, as no one comprehended the deaf and dumb language, and she was unable to write, she was unsuccessful. Meanwhile the husband was in much the same predicament. None of the people at the little roadside station understood his gesticulations, and so he did the most sensible thing he could have done under the circumstances—took the next train for Chicago, where they had decided to stop for a few days. The train which he boarded overtook his wife's train and passed it.

When he arrived in Chicago, he waited for the appearance of the slower train, but his bride had left it some 300 miles back, and was returning to Syracuse, under the impression that Mr. Thompson had regretted his matrimonial step and "disappeared." It was more than a week before the couple met, and then they were so tired of their honeymoon tour that they decided to forego taking the rest of it.

## WILLIAM S. GILBERT.

Famous Librettist, It Is Said, Will Come Out of His Retirement in Near Future.

William S. Gilbert, of London, the greatest of comic opera librettists, is about to come out of his retirement and is again to take an interest in theatrical affairs. That such a writer, one whose mere manner gave a new word to the language, and whose phrases are quoted almost like those of Shakespeare, should prefer to remain silent so long, has been generally regretted.

The music of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan, his collaborator, was most charming, but equally refreshing and amusing were the librettos written by Mr. Gilbert. Sir Arthur Sullivan, without Mr. Gilbert, was a failure. It now remains to be seen whether the latter will be able



WILLIAM S. GILBERT. (Famous English Librettist May Again Start Us Laughing.)

to find a suitable composer to set his amusing lyrics to music.

That there are plenty of good music composers in London, but poor librettists, has been made apparent the last few seasons, in "Florodora," "The Toreador" and other English musical productions. Therefore it seems quite possible that with the appearance again of Mr. Gilbert in the field, we may expect, in the next few years, a revival of the charming comic operas which for so many years held the boards undisputed.

It is 45 years since Mr. Gilbert's name first became familiar to playgoers. His first libretto to Sir Arthur Sullivan's music was produced in 1876, "H. M. S. Pinafore." This was followed, in rapid succession and in the order named, by "The Pirates of Penzance," "Patience" and "The Mikado." But since the production of "The Grand Duke," his last collaboration with Mr. Sullivan, eight or nine years ago, Mr. Gilbert has given the stage nothing whatever.

Mr. Gilbert, who resides at present at Harrow Weald, near London, is practically the last remaining member of an interesting trio of theatrical men. Sir Arthur Sullivan, his collaborator, died last year, and D'Oyly Carte, who built the Savoy theater in London, expressly to produce the works of Gilbert and Sullivan, has been dead several years.

Mr. Gilbert's librettos were suggested in all sorts of ways. "The Mikado," one of his most popular, for example, came into his mind one day as he examined a Japanese sword that hung on the wall in his study. He wrote most of his plays, laid them away for a fortnight, and then rewrote them without referring to his original copy. He then compared the two, taking the best of each. Sometimes this process was repeated a number of times. His work has left him an independent fortune.

## HON. FRANK HANLEY.

Lafayette Politician Who Is Seeking Republican Nomination for Governor of Indiana.

Candidates for governor in the good old state of Indiana are as thick, on both sides of the house, as flies around a molasses barrel. One of the latest additions to the list on the republican side is Hon. J. Frank Hanley, of Lafayette, a well-known lawyer and politician, noted for his strong religious tendencies and for his intense earnestness in everything he undertakes. He is 40 years old, a native of Champaign county, Ill., and a thoroughly self-made man. In 1890 he was elected state senator. In 1898 he



HON. J. FRANK HANLEY. (Indiana Republican Who Seeks gubernatorial Nomination.)

was a candidate for United States senator against Albert J. Beveridge and in 1900 was chairman of the republican state convention. Some years ago he ran for congress against E. D. Crumpacker, but was defeated.

## Birth Notices in Holland.

When an infant selects Holland as a good country in which to begin its earthly career, in some of the towns it is customary to announce the new arrival by hanging at the outside door of the house a silk pincushion decorated with lace. If it's a boy, the pincushion is red; if a girl, white.



















A COURAGEOUS YOUNG MAN  
CRUSHED BY POLITICAL  
DEBAUCHERS.S. P. Mitchell Oppressed By Men in  
Authority.

An oppressional precedence once established works hardships, sooner or later even to the oppressor. These words are the expression of a courageous young man, late of Kentucky, but who has now an office at 505 D St., N. W. His name is S. P. Mitchell, founder of the Knights and Ladies of Industry, President of the National



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A statute requiring the compulsory education of children is held, in state vs. Bailey (Ind.), 59 L. R. A. 435, not to infringe the rights of parents.

A conviction of a battery is held, in People vs. McDaniels (Cal.), 59 L. R. A. 478, to bar a subsequent prosecution for the same acts as an assault with a deadly weapon, with intent to murder.

The unauthorized publication of one's likeness by another person for advertising purposes is held, in Roberson vs. Rochester Folding Box Co. (N. Y.), 59 L. R. A. 478, not to give a right to an injunction or damages on the theory that it is an invasion of a "right of privacy."

A provision of an insurance policy rendering it void if, without consent of the insurer, mechanics are employed in building, altering or repairing the premises for more than fifteen days at any one time, is held, in German Ins. Co. vs. Hearne (C. C. App. 3d Cir.), 59 L. R. A. 492, to be operative regardless of the reasonableness of the repairs.

The innocence of an insured who was executed after conviction of a capital crime is held, in Burt vs. Union Central Life Ins. Co. (C. C. App. 5th Cir.), 59 L. R. A. 393, not to change the rule that insurances cannot be recovered upon the life of a person who was executed for crime, even if the policy makes no provision for forfeiture on that account.

Evidence that a father refused to permit medicine to be administered to one of his minor children while sick is held, in Justice vs. state (Ga.), 59 L. R. A. 601, not to support a conviction of the father for depriving the child of necessary sustenance within the meaning of a statute which declares such deprivation to be an offense against the laws of the state.

The owner of a ferry is held, in Sistersville Ferry Co. vs. Russell (W. Va.), 59 L. R. A. 513, not to be entitled to recover compensation for injury to his ferry flowing from loss of patronage incident to the establishment of a second ferry, either from the owner of the second ferry or from the county. An extensive note to this case reviews the other authorities as to the establishment, regulation and protection of ferries.

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